

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks Volunteers In Policing****Federal Tax ID: 92-0156280****Project Title:**

Fairbanks Volunteers In Policing - Meth Watch Program

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**House District: 10 - E**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Meth Watch Program

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other	\$15,000	09				
Total	\$15,000					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Volunteers in Policing will provide matching funds of \$15,000 in FY09.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The funds would be used to continue to provide meth education in the community as well as purchase meth educational materials for schools, retailers, and the community.

Volunteers in Policing (VIP) is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to making Fairbanks a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

VIP was founded in 1994 by concerned citizens in response to increased and unacceptable levels of crime, violence, and social disorder in Fairbanks. Together they approached local officials and formed a partnership with the Fairbanks Police Department that has empowered over 275 residents to take a stand against crime and help to make Fairbanks a safer place.

The program was incorporated as a nonprofit in 1996 and has formed many alliances within the community including the Fairbanks Community Policing Coalition, Fairbanks Chamber, and Citizens Enforcing Public Sobriety.

Our Mission is to "assist local law enforcement in reducing crime and the fear of crime within the Fairbanks community by promoting effective partnerships between citizens, the Fairbanks Police Department, and local agencies for the purpose of identifying and correcting problems which, left unattended, would threaten the safety of the community."

VIP's are citizens (just like you) trained to work hand-in-hand with Fairbanks Police, business owners, other residents, and local organizations to reduce and prevent crime and violence in Fairbanks.

Project Timeline:

The expenditures would occur throughout the year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Grant Recipient

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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February 27, 2008

RE: Fairbanks Volunteers in Policing Meth Watch Program
Tax ID # 92-0156280

To Whom It May Concern:

Fairbanks Volunteers in Policing is requesting \$50,000 to continue the Meth Watch Program in Fairbanks. The funds will be used to pay for the salary for a part time Meth Watch Coordinator, to purchase educational materials and to cover day-to-day operational expenses.

The Fairbanks Meth Watch Program consists of three main components; Retailer Education, Youth Education and Adult/General Community Education.

1. The Retailer Education Program is designed to educate retailers about the ingredients used to make methamphetamine, and to give them strategies to control access to meth ingredients, reduce theft and report suspicious persons or sales. Retailers are given signs and decals to display in their stores to let the public know that they are a Fairbanks MethWatch Program Member. Retailers can also request meth awareness classes for their employees to warn them about the dangers of meth use and to help identify the signs and symptoms associated with meth abuse.

2. The Youth Education Program is delivered through schools, youth groups, after school programs and at community events. Age-appropriate videos and handouts are used to warn youth about the dangers of using methamphetamines and other drugs. Strategies to resist peer pressure to use drugs are discussed and practiced. Positive alternatives to drug use are discussed and information is provided about various youth activities and services in the Fairbanks community.

3. The Adult/Community Education Program is delivered primarily through Neighborhood Watch, but is also delivered at PTA meetings and community events. Neighborhood Watch groups are provided with information about the dangers of meth use, signs and symptoms of use and indicators of possible meth labs in their neighborhoods and community. Participants are given strategies to log suspicious activity and report it to law enforcement. A drug hotline has been established to report drug activity anonymously.

In FY 2009, Volunteers in Policing will provide matching funds of \$15,000 to support the Meth Watch Program and the delivery of services through the Volunteers in Policing and Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Thank you for considering this request. These funds will ensure that the Fairbanks Meth Watch Program continues to provide valuable information to the citizens of Fairbanks about the dangers of meth and the devastating effects it has on individuals, families and the community.

Sincerely,

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